

GEORGE MESSICK.

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APRIL 24, 1884.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BAGLEY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of George Messick for a special act pension, having considered the same, report as follows:*

The petitioner, in his application for a pension, filed February 14, 1880, declares that he contracted "disease of kidneys and gravel" while in the Army, and in a subsequent affidavit states that he was taken with the disease year after the discharge.

There is no hospital record and no evidence showing that he was treated for any disease while in the service.

Examining Surgeon Holmes says that the claimant when he left the Army was a sound man, and that about two and a half years after he was attacked with gravel, and that there is no doubt he is incapacitated from labor, and closes his report by saying that the disease "came too late for the poor man."

He is undoubtedly a great sufferer, but fails to prove that his disability originated in the service. This being the case, the committee cannot report favorably, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the case, and recommend that the bill lie upon the table.

